

No. 8 Co., Capt. and Brevet-Major Henderson in command; Lieut. Perry and 44 men.

Band, in command of Bandmaster Griffin, 27 men.

Buglers, under command of Bugle-Major Robertson, 22 men.

Pipes, in command of Pipe-Major Ireland, 15 men.

Ambulance, Sergt. D. Ross in command; 13 men.

Pioneers, Sergt. Wright and 8 men.

The Highlanders thus have seven staff and nineteen company officers on parade.

The Q. O. R. and Grenadiers paraded at 8.30 at the Armory and proceeded along Adelaide to Simcoe, where the 48th joined the column. The route was continued along to Spadina, where, after a few minutes' halt, the 13th Batt. of Hamilton joined the parade, and in this order the force moved off to the head of Spadina Road. Here disposition of the force was made for the attack, the ground being the high ground north of Davenport Road and forming an oblong half a mile wide by a mile and a quarter in length. No. 2 Co., R. C. R. I., under Capt. Cartwright and Lieut. McLean, of the 43rd, together with about 20 Dragoons under Lieut. Forrester, represented the evening.

The attack commenced about eleven o'clock and continued until about two, with unceasing indifference on the part of the force engaged and with deep disgust on the part of the spectators, who were disappointed at the slowness of what they termed a sham fight.

After the ground had been thoroughly gone over and the greater part of the men thoroughly mystified and awed by the awful possibilities of a brigade attack an adjournment was held for luncheon which seemed the most satisfactory and appreciated part of the day.

After luncheon the brigade reformed and marched home via St. George, College, Yonge and King, the saluting point being on St. George street, near Bernard avenue.

The Military Institute party, in a well appointed drag and accompanied by an artillery trumpeter, seemed to be everywhere and the rapidity with which they took up a fresh position kept everyone on the alert.

During a portion of the attack the Dragoons charged, from the shelter of a large house, upon the unsuspecting company of the 48th, commanded by Capt. Currie. Quite a few thought it a rather clever ruse, and while it was certainly a very pretty piece of work, and one that whilst meaning a heavy sacrifice to those engaged, would have proved well worth it in real war, was entirely out of place on the field of instruction. The officers and men were given to understand that this was an instruction parade pure and simple, and as Lt. Col. Otter himself, at the lecture in the Q. O. R. sergeants mess room, stated that there would be no flank attacks, it is hard to understand the action of Lieut. Forrester, or of those

who think a smart trick was accomplished at the expense of the Highlanders.

Fortunately the Highlanders are not likely to harbor any ill-feeling against this crack little corps, but the fact that some people were on the look-out for a little "surprise" (?) showed that the trick was premeditated.

Nevertheless, the charge was a pretty one, and without exception the prettiest piece of work by far of the dullest and most unsatisfactory Thanksgiving Day put in by Tommy Atkins for many moons.

Col. Darby Bergin, M. D., the Surgeon-General, spent a day at Stanley Barracks this week inspecting the hospital and medical stores.

Surgeon-Major Strange was, as might be expected, complimented on the fine appearance of affairs generally.

Mr. J. E. Secretan, who will be remembered as the popular transport officer attached to General Middleton's column, was a caller at the Military Institute last week.

### Halifax.

The annual inspection of the 66th Regt. P. L.F. took place on the evening of Nov. 19th, 20th and 21st.

Lt.-Col. I. D. Irving, D.A.G., accompanied by Major F. A. Oxley, H.G.A., notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather conducted his inspection in the most thorough and painstaking manner, and Lt.-Col. Humphrey and the officers of the Regiment are to be congratulated upon the really good showing, both in point of numbers and efficiency which the companies made, more especially as it was quite late in the season before the strength of the Regiment was increased, and later still before the necessary uniforms and accoutrements were received.

Although perhaps in the skirmishing exercises, their rivals the 63rd Batt. may have shown more proficiency, yet it will be a matter of surprise, if after all of the points are allowed the 66th Regt. does not take first place, and as well a very high place in the general efficiency returns for the year.

Sgt. Instructor Grimshaw of the King's Regt. has been the chief instructor for the season and has reason to be proud of the results.

The officers of the Regiment dine together at the Halifax Hotel on the evening of the 27th.

Mr. Hiram S. Maxim, writing to the Times advocates the use of smooth-bore barrels of soft steel for the Maxim gun at manoeuvres. Hundreds of thousands of rounds could be fired, as the wear to the barrel amounts to practically nothing. Black powder could be used to show when the gun was fired. For actual warfare he recommends a special cartridge, with a heavier bullet than that used in the ordinary rifle, which would allow the gun to deliver a destructive fire on Infantry out of range of the military rifle. Though soldiers, he says, can never carry a shield, the Maxim might.

### Ottawa.

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#### No Parade.

The "field day," which was to have been held on Thanksgiving day, did not materialize. The idea was taken up at too late a date to make it a success, and rather than not have a success the prime movers in the scheme decided to let the matter drop for the present year, with the understanding that arrangements will be made during the coming winter that will ensure our citizen soldiers one day, at least, of practical field work; it is, perhaps, too soon to fix a definite date, but rumor says that it will be the Queen's Birthday, and that some Montreal and Toronto corps will be asked to join their Ottawa comrades in the manoeuvres.

#### A Military Attack.

The members of the military committee of our winter carnival have commenced work in earnest. Major-General Herbert is chairman, Major Bliss, secretary, and the following officers form the committee: Capt. Spain, R.N., Capt. Gourdeau, Lieut. Brown, P.L.D.G., Capt. G. Shepherd Bowie, O.F.B., Major Hodgins, Capt. Jarvis, Capt. P. B. Taylor, G.G.F.G., Lieut.-Col. Wright, Major Sherwood and Major Parker, 43rd Batt. With such an energetic and capable committee the military display, whatever form it takes, should be one of the most attractive features of the carnival programme.

#### The New Rifle.

Shooting men will be interested in the measurements of the Martini-Metford rifle. They are as follows: Length, 30.02 inches; calibre, 0.03 inches. The rifling consists of seven grooves, each 0.004 inches deep with a spiral twist of one complete turn in ten inches.

#### Sergeants Entertain.

A smoking concert given on Wednesday evening last by the sergeants of the G.G.F.G. was a decided success. The sergeants mess room was prettily decorated for the occasion. Sergt.-Major Davis was in the chair and amongst those present were Major W. E. Hodgins and Lieut. Taylor, G.G.F.G., Sergt.-Major Powell, P.L.D.G., Sergt.-Major Ingram, O.F.B., and Sergt.-Major Mahoney, 43rd Batt. The non-commissioned officers who had the concert in hand were Sergts. Bloxam, Ward and Pegg, and they deserve credit.

#### Military Snowshoes.

The 43rd Batt. re-organized their Snowshoe Club on Wednesday evening. The election of officers resulted as follows: Patron, Lieut.-Col. Hon. M. Aylmer; president, Lieut.-Col. Wright; 1st vice-president, Major Sherwood; 2nd vice-president, Capt. Rogers; captain, Lieut. de la Ronde; secretary-treasurer, Col.-Sergt. Hurcomb; committee, Lieut. Benville, Col.-Sergt. Blakeney, Sergt. Short and Corp. Gourlay. There is every prospect of a successful season for this club, as it has a large and enthusiastic membership.